

Calculators

It is essential that all students have a proper scientific calculator and that they bring it to school each day. The model we recommend is below. Maths teachers will expect that students have their own calculator when it is required in lessons.

When students sit their GCSE mathematics exams in the summer of year 11 they sit three separate papers. Two of these three papers are calculator based. Every year the exam boards feedback to teachers that students across the country do not use their calculators to their full potential in the GCSE maths exams and so lose marks because of this. Therefore it's essential that students get a calculator as soon as they start secondary school and that they get used to using it as early as possible so that they become fully confident in using all of its features.

The calculator model we recommend is the **Casio fx-83GT CW**, which is pictured on the right. This is the model that our maths teachers will refer to in lessons and the most up-to-date model.

You can purchase this calculator on **Parent Mail** or you can purchase it in supermarkets, in stationary shops or online at places like Amazon.

Students who have other models or have calculators from other providers may find that they do not have all of the required features or that some buttons are in different places on the calculator. This is why it's important that all students should have the **Casio fx-83GT CW**.

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